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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 10/677,058	Applicant(s) TSUI ET AL.	
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some    \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 7/13/2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-3 and 6-28 under USC35 102(e) and 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US 6,266,014.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10-12, 14-19, 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawanabe (US 7,054,397) in view of Fattouche et al. (US 6,266,014).

□ With regard claims 1 and 12, Kawanabe discloses

shifting a center frequency of selected ones of a plurality of received signals by selected amounts to provide a plurality of shifted signals located in a frequency domain (fig. 2, antennas 107-1 ...n receive a plurality of signals which are frequency shifted by 111, col. 4, lines 46-48),

combining the plurality of shifted signals into a composite signal centered at a selected frequency (fig. 2, 115, col. 4, lines 49-53), and

sampling the composite signal with a single analog-to-digital converter to provide a multiplicity of digital samples (fig. 5 element 161 and 121).

Kawanabe discloses all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching providing the multiplicity of digital samples to a plurality of digital bandpass filters.

However, Fattouche et al. teaches providing the multiplicity of digital samples to a plurality of digital bandpass filters (fig. 8 element 813) in order to reject noise and interference outside of the digital IF bandwidth (column 37 lines 46-47) so that the communication quality can be improved. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the bandpass filter as taught by Fattouche et al. between the ADC 161 and each individual despread demodulator 125-1 to 125-n of Kawanabe's receiver so as to reduce the interference and improve communication quality.

- With regard claim 2, Kawanabe further discloses converting the composite signal into a plurality of digital signals (fig. 5, A/D converter 161 outputs a plurality of digital signals to signal processing portion 123).
- With regard claim 6, Kawanabe further discloses providing the series of digital channel samples to a down converter (col. 2, line 17).

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- With regard claim 7, Kawanabe further discloses wherein the plurality of received signals comprises a plurality of baseband analog signals (col. 8, line 61).
- With regard claims 10 and 16, Kawanabe further discloses the pluralities of shifted signals are located substantially sequentially in the frequency domain (col. 7, lines 37-43).
- With regard claims 11 and 17, Kawanabe discloses the selected frequency is approximately zero cycles-per-second (see fig. 6A and 6B show the frequency of the combined signal centered at zero).
- With regard claim 14, Kawanabe further discloses the composite signal includes a plurality of signals from a plurality of antennas (fig. 2, antennas 107-1..n receive a plurality of signals).
- With regard claim 15, Kawanabe discloses selecting a single sampling frequency rate for the composite signal and determining a down conversion frequency for selected radio frequency signals associated with the plurality of received signals (col. 9, line 12).
- With regard claim 18, which is an apparatus claim related to claim 1, all limitation is contained in claim 1. The explanation of all the limitation is already addressed in the above paragraph.
- With regard claims 19 and 22, Kawanabe further discloses a plurality of sections corresponding to the plurality of received signals, wherein selected ones of the sections include at least one bandpass filter and a mixer (fig. 5, 145, 149, col. 5, lines 39-42).

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- With regard claim 24, which is a system claim related to claim 1, Kawanabe further discloses an omnidirectional antenna to couple to the analog stage (fig. 2, antennas 107-1 ..n). All other limitation is contained in claim 1. The explanation of all the limitation is already addressed in the above paragraph.

4. Claims 3, 8, 9, 21, and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawanabe (US 7,054,397) and Fattouche et al. (US 6,266,014) as applied to claims 1, 2, 18, 24 are above, and further in view of Li et al. (US 6,639,551).

- With regard claims 3, 8, 21 and 25, Kawanabe and Fattouche et al. disclose all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching receiving the plurality of digital signals at an interference canceller.

However, Li discloses an interference canceller for a plurality of digital signals (col. 2, line 58-col. 3, line 12). Because interference cancellation has the well known advantage of increasing signal quality and reliability, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the interference cancellation as disclosed by Li into the invention of Kawanabe.

- With regard claim 9, the modified circuitry of Kawanabe and Fattouche et al. and Li further discloses canceling the interference present in the composite signal further comprises: reconstructing the interference present in the composite signal (col. 2, line 58-col. 3, line 12, Li's reference).

5. Claim 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawanabe (US 7,054,397) and Fattouche et al. (US 6,266,014) as applied to claims 12 above, and further in view of Fernandes (US 5,490,134).

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- With regard claim 13, Kawanabe and Fattouche et al. fail to disclose the composite signal includes a plurality of protocols associated with the plurality of received signals.

However, Fernandes discloses the composite signal includes a plurality of protocols associated with the plurality of received signals (col. 1, 38-40).

Because Fernandes discloses that allowing the reception of a composite signal with multiple protocols has the advantage of backward compatibility with new technologies (col. 1, lines 14-20), it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the multiple protocol combined signal as disclosed by Fernandes into the invention of Kawanabe.

6. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawanabe (US 7,054,397) as applied to claim 18 above, and further in view of Linet al. (US 6,175,327).

- Claim 20, Kawanabe fails to disclose the analog stage further comprises: a combiner selected from a power combiner, a mixer, and an adder, however, Lin discloses a signal combiner that is a power combiner (fig. 1, 28). Lin further discloses that the power combination as disclosed in his invention has the advantage of reducing interference in the received signal (col. 3, lines 17-28.), it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the power combiner as disclosed by Lin into the invention of Kawanabe.

7. Claims 23, 26, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawanabe (US 7,054,397) and Fattouche et al. (US 6,266,014) and Li et al. (US 6,639,551) as applied to claim 18 and 24 above, and further in view of Casabona et al (US 5,782,540).

- Claims 23 and 26, the modified circuitry of Kawanabe and Fattouche et al. and Li fails to disclose an active channel controller to adjust a sampling rate associated with the analog-to-digital converter.

However, Casabona discloses an active channel controller to adjust a sampling rate associated with the analog-to-digital converter (col. 15, lines 13-14). Because the capability of adjusting the sampling rate increases the accuracy and efficiency of the receiver, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the sampling rate adjustment as disclosed by Casabona into the invention of Kawanabe.

- With regard claim 28, the modified circuitry of Kawanabe and Fattouche et al. and Li and Casabona further discloses the active channel controller is to determine a down conversion frequency according to an activity status of a selected section included in a plurality of sections corresponding to the plurality of received signals (col. 15, lines 13-14, Casabona's reference).

8. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawanabe (US 7,054,397) and Fattouche et al. (US 6,266,014) and Li et al. (US 6,639,551) and Casabona et al (US 5,782,540) as applied to claim 26 above, and further in view of Fernandes (US 5,490,134).



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- Claim 27, Kawanabe and Fattouche et al. and Li and Casabona fail to disclose the composite signal includes a plurality of protocols associated with the plurality of received signals.

However, Fernandes discloses the composite signal includes a plurality of protocols associated with the plurality of received signals (col. 1, 38-40).

Because Fernandes discloses that allowing the reception of a composite signal with multiple protocols has the advantage of backward compatibility with new technologies (col. 1, lines 14-20), it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of invention to incorporate the multiple protocol combined signal as disclosed by Fernandes into the invention of Kawanabe.

### ***Conclusion***

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is 571-272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

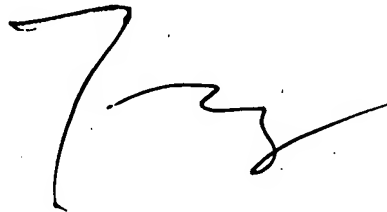
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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